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Information on Yugoslavia.

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Subject: Various Military Data

IIIrd Military Region - III-ća Vojna oblast (June 1952)

The seat of the Command of the IIIrd Military Region was transferred from Skoplje to Niš, in September 1952. *Our latest - Dec 51 lists SKOPJE*

The following officers serve in the Command in question:

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Lt. Colonel General Radovan Begov

Vukanović;

Major General Dušan M. Vigujevic

Major General Rade Perov

Kosorić.

Other Commands Dislocated in Skoplje:

Command of the 42nd Air Force Division, and the

Command of the 48th Air Force Technical Division.

The Command of the 10th KNOJ Division is dislocated in Krupanj.

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The 309th Independent Antiaircraft Regiment (309-ti Samostalni protiv-
(July 1952) avionski puk)

This Regiment - which is about 1,300 men strong - is lodged in barracks situated in the Ilidža zone, near Sarajevo.

The Commandant is Major Dulić, and the political commissar Major Vrančić.

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The regiment consists of:

three groups, each group having three batteries,
one company of observers,
one liaison battalion,
one platoon for chemical defense (sic), and
the logistics command.

Armament :

1st Group - guns "FLAK" of 20 millimeters,
2nd Group - German guns of 80,8 millimeters, and
3rd Group - Soviet guns of 30,7 millimeters.

The telemeters and the altimeters are German and Soviet made.

The regiment is autonomous and depends directly from the VIIth Military Region (VII-ma Vojna Oblast) of Sarajevo.

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The School Battalion for Drivers of Nis (July 1952)

This Battalion is lodged at the northern periphery (outskirts) of Niš in three new barracks; the Battalion is about 550 men strong. The motorized vehicles are sheltered in 12 considerably large garages.

The Battalion consists of : its Command, four companies, and the Services.

Three drivers courses last 6 months. At the end of the courses, the graduates are distributed through various units.

The Battalion is equipped with:

30 trucks Opel Blitz of 3 tons.

25 trucks C.M.C. of 3 tons,

May be "GMC")

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2 Jeeps,

1 Opel - Kapitan car,

1 Mercedes Benz car,

6 heavy motorcycles B M W, and

2 motorcycles.

The Commandant of the Battalion is Captain Mladen Kosorić.

The political commissar is Captain Ristić.

Commandants of companies are the Lieutenants : Rajčević, and Vojnović.

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The Battalion has a total of 15 officers, and depends from the Niš Corps (Korpus).

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112th Artillery Regiment

(June 1952)

This Regiment is dislocated in Kosovska Mitrovica, and depends from the IIIrd Military Region (Vojna Oblast) of Skoplje.

The Commandant of the Regiment is Lieutenant Colonel Nikšić.

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The Regiment consists of :

two battalions,

one company r.t. (sic),

one platoon of chemical defense,

one platoon of automobile transports, and

the logistic command (which has 20 horses).

The first battalion serves as school for officers and noncommissioned officers; it has three batteries; the first battery serves as school for 110 officers, and the second and the third batteries serve as school for 200 non-commissioned officers. The r.t. (sic) company serves as special school

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that is "r.t." school) for noncommissioned officers.

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The second group () It seems that group or battalion are the same thing) has three batteries, and is equipped with 22 mortars of 120,2 mm. of Russian type.

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The Regiment has 680 men, plus 4 officers; the aspirants for noncommissioned officers excluded. The guns are motorized; the trucks are GMC type.

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The 6th Rifle Regiment

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The seat of this Regiment is in Kumanovo, and it depends from the 24th Division of Štip.

The Commandant of the Regiment is Major Branko Balaban.

The political commissar is Major Drago Kovačević.

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The Regiment is composed as follows :

three rifle battalions, each one having three companies,
one artillery group of two batteries (1st Group /sic/),
one company of machine guns (20 "Maxim" type ~~machine guns~~),
one company of anti-tank rifles (sic),
one company ^{of} ~~with~~ automatic arms,
one company of mortars of 120 millimeters,
one company of explorers or scouts,
one liaison company, and
the logistic command (50 horses, a truck, and 2 motorcycles).

Armament of the Batteries of the 1st Group :

1st Battery : 20 anti-tank guns of Russian type, caliber 40,5 millimeters;

2nd Battery : 28 guns of Russian type, caliber 7,62 millimeters.

Officers :

The commandant of the 1st Battalion is Captain Ljubo Bošković.

The Commandant of the 2nd Battalion is Captain Drago Krstić

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Transports of various arms and munitions are being sent for the past two
to years from Split to different Yugoslav islands, which are being fortified.

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The Underground Arms and Ammunitions Magazine of Biljanovići

An underground magazine of arms and ammunitions is situated in Biljanovići, at about 800 meters south of Kumanovo.

The magazine consists of six underground halls dimensioned 50 X 15 meters, where guns, machine guns, and rifles as well as their munitions are stored.

Some barracks are located on the ground, where soldiers of a company of the 6th rifle regiment are lodged; the duty of those soldiers is to watch the magazine.

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